

MERCED COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
VOTER OBSERVATION PLAN
FOR THE FEBRUARY 5, 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Organizations specifically asked to participate:

- Democrat Central Committee
- Republican Central Committee
- League of Women Voters
- Merced Sun Star
- Merced County Elections Hispanic Committee

Method of contacting groups:

Do to the lateness of settling with the Secretary of State's Office on reloading firmware, these groups were contacted by phone for the L&A testing. The Registrar of Voters also met with officers and members of both the Democratic Central Committee and Republican Central Committees. The Registrar will be transporting the representative from the Democratic Central Committee, as the committee member does not have a vehicle. Both Committees are expected to have observer(s) as they have had in the past. The Registrar of Voters met with and spoke at the January meeting of the League of Women Voters and they are planning to have an individual observing on Election day and multiple people that evening. The Merced Sun Star and other media have already observed the L & A Testing and will participate on Election Day as they do every election. The Merced County Elections Hispanic Committee was notified and may have an observer.

Activity:

Pre-Election Day activity is limited to observation of L & A testing of equipment. During Election Day the observers will pick the precincts they wish to visit and observe the activities without interfering with the election, poll workers or voters. After the polls close the observers are invited to our observation area where all activities can be observed. As normal the observation area will have a WEB site up and current results will be available both electronically and on paper.

Identification:

All observers will be issued identification name tags similar to our rovers identification.